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## what's UP on campus

Caribbean  
Exploration '98



On Friday, April 17, the Clarke MultiCultural Student Services Office will host a Caribbean Culture Day to inform students about the wide variety of cultures on campus..

Students from the Bahamas, St. Croix, Puerto Rico, Magarita Island, Dominica, Jamaica and Venezuela will participate in the celebration.

The day will begin at 12:10 p.m. with a panel discussion over lunch in the Mary Josita Hall Formal Lounge as Caribbean students discuss and reflect on their native experiences.

At 7 p.m. there will be a special dinner and dance in Terrace Lounge. The dinner is expected to include such items as curry chicken, hibichuelas, and bread pudding.

For more information or to register for the dinner, call Cammie Dean, director of Multicultural Student Services, at 588-6508.

## "Deadman Walking" author speaks on campus



Sister Helen Prejean tells a Clarke audience Tuesday about her opposition to the death penalty.

By Brain Steuer  
Staff Reporter

As we all came back from break with our goodies from the Easter Bunny, we got another gift Tuesday morning: Sr. Helen Prejean, author of the book that inspired the Academy Award-winning film "Dead Man Walking," spoke Tuesday morning in Jansen Music Hall.

Iowans Against the Death Penalty sponsored Prejean's lecture. She was in Iowa to receive the Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award from the Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Coalition in Davenport. The award, which honors Pope John XXIII, is named after his encyclical, *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth), which calls on people to "secure peace among the nations."

Prejean received the award for her love of the poor and her advocacy for the oppressed, including those who she has ministered to on death row.

*"They said that all he'd ask for is money and cigarettes"*

Prejean has been featured in the *New York Times Magazine*, *Vogue*, *Good Housekeeping*, among many others and has also appeared on *Sixty Minutes*, *NBC's Today Show*, and the *Phil Donahue Show*, to name a few.

She said her friends initially advised her against allowing her book to be made into a movie. "They said nuns don't come off too well in movies. They're either flying or a 'Sister Act.'"

But a meeting with Susan Sarandon, who played her in the movie, and a later meeting with the director convinced Prejean that the film would be faithful to her book.

Born in Louisiana, Prejean has lived and worked there her whole life. In 1981 she became involved with poor inner-city residents in the St. Thomas Housing Project in New Orleans, which led her to prison ministry where she counseled death row inmates in the state penitentiary.

She has accompanied three men to the electric chair. Since then, she has been devoted to educating the public about the death penalty by lecturing, organizing, and writing.

Tuesday she talked about Patrick Sonnier, a 27-year-old deathrow inmate convicted of killing a teenaged couple. It is his story that is featured

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## What is Hunger Clean-Up anyway?

By Kathleen Serrurier  
Staff Reporter

When you hear the words "Hunger Clean-Up," what do you think of? Many Clarke students don't understand what exactly hunger has to do with cleanliness.

Sarah Miller, a junior who is in charge of the Clarke Hunger Clean-Up, stated in a nutshell what it is all about: "The Hunger Clean-Up is a work-a-thon that raises funds for people and organizations in need while students and community members improve the community around them."

Students from Clarke and Loras are working together on April 18th from 9 a.m. to noon in Dubuque's 14th Annual Hunger Clean-Up. Some of the projects include painting local shelters, planting gardens, cleaning up parks and improving half way housing by sprucing up the surroundings.

This year the students are striving for three major goals during this three hours of community service.

The first goal is to raise money. Half of the money raised will go to the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness. The remaining money will go to the Washington Neighborhood

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#### FRIDAY

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On-Campus Recruiting Moly DeVries from Active Industries of Willowbrook, Ill. Resume and pre-registration required.  
Men's Baseball D.S.H.S. 12pm  
Movie Dead Poets Society Union 10pm  
Comedian: Owen Smith Union 8pm

#### SATURDAY

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Hunger Clean Up  
Men's Baseball D.S.H.S. 12pm  
Men's Tennis @UD TBA  
Women's Softball DBQ Vet's PK 3pm  
Ben Welch, Senior Piano Recital JMH 3pm  
Spring Formal  
Movie Dead Poets Society

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Tom Nauman, Senior Guitar recital JMH 3pm

#### MONDAY

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Women's Softball DBQ Vet PK 3:30pm

#### TUESDAY

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L'Ochrestre du Salon sur la Riviera  
My Life as a Light Motif: Piano Trios by Clara and Bob JMH 7:30  
Cafe au Clarke Union 8-11pm  
Women's Softball DBQ Vet PK 3:30pm

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Tommy Haggas

## gray areas

**"The Simpsons" to the rescue?**

Can I be frank? The April 1st episode of *South Park* was awful! It was by far the worst thirty minutes of television Matt Stone and Trey Parker have put out. Honestly, who wants to watch the flatulent humor of Terrence and Phillip for thirty minutes? They're funny for thirty seconds at best. To top off my frustration with *South Park*, I found out that there won't be a new episode until May 20th.

Where's a guy going to find tongue-in-cheek animated commentary every week? The answer: *The Simpsons*. For nine years, Homer and company have taken television to a level live-action T.V. shows never could. Not once since the show's premiere in December of 1989 has *The*



*Simpsons* been a disappointment. Following that tradition, starting this Sunday, *The Simpsons* will be airing a brand new episode. For those of you keeping track, this will be episode #199. Then, for the next four weeks, a new episode every Sunday. The highlight looks to be a guest spot by Steve Martin on episode #200 on April 26th.

So *South Park* fans, don't fret; there's enough comedy to go around. Yet we can't help but wonder: How long will *South Park* last? Only time will tell if it has the staying power of the longest-running, prime-time animated series in history.

Speculation is that someday *South Park* will go the way of the Studebaker. *The Simpsons*, on the other hand, has already proven itself to be the Harley-Davidson of television animation.

**Rules and "roomers" about new housing**By Jolene Worzalla  
Staff Reporter

The Clarke "Roomer" mill is hard at work again. With stories circulating about this building and that, my room and your room, and all the other rooms in between, it's hard to tell fact from fiction. This is the breaking news on the room lottery and rooms for the fall.

It is expected that the new apartments will be done, and there are some people in high places (President, Catherine Dunn, BVM) making sure this is so. Right now Conlon Construction is working five days a week, 8-10 hours a day, and they may go to weekends to further ease our minds.

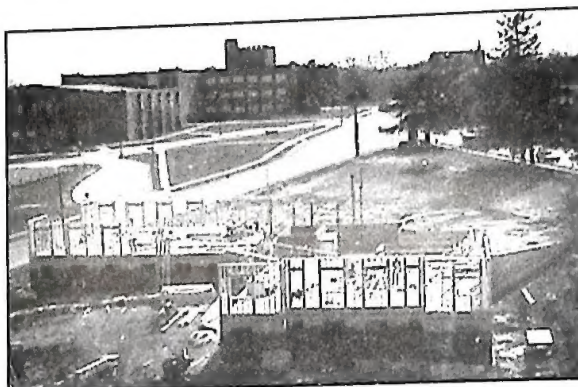
So what is the deal with these apartments? Well, the units, which include six bedrooms, two bathrooms, a living room, and a kitchen are not filling up as quickly as many thought they would.

"Ideally this is a junior and senior residence hall," said David Nevins, residence life director, but if ever there will be a year when sophomores get in, it is this year."

Nevins pointed out that many upperclassmen like the life in Mary Frances Hall and the freedom it offers. The apartments will be run much like Fran with a similar honor system. There will be two R.A.'s in the building, one for each wing, as well as a resident director to handle problems if they arise and to run educational programs. The rules are no alcohol in an apartment unless all occupants are 21.

The apartments will all have modular furniture like that displayed in Mary Josita Formal this fall. Pictures are now on display in the windows of Mary Jo Formal Lounge (MJFL). The living room will have end tables like those in the current MJFL and large fluffy couches and chairs like those in the

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Clarke's new apartment building in progress.

pictures on display. There will be air conditioning in the apartments and the temperature can be controlled by each room.

Other changes for the fall include a Letter Wing in Mary Josita Hall in the wing where the retired

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BVM's currently live. They will be moving to the Mother House here in town. (This will be hard on students who have grown to love their smiling faces.)

The Letter Wing will be a quiet area as well as a special requirement wing. You must have a 3.25 cumulative GPA and be female to apply. There will be 10 single rooms and one quad open. All rooms will have modular furniture. The single rooms are more like suites, and are joined by a bathroom in between two rooms. You may sign up with a friend or be assigned a suite mate through the luck of the draw or pick.

The Letter Wing quad is a very large open room with an attached bathroom. Tours of the wing are available via Residence Life.

Rumors about housing three women in a Mary Ben corner room have very little validity says Nevins: "It could happen if we get 380 or 400 new freshman. However, the R.A.'s would get roommates and the wing lounges used before we would put three women in a room. This is a last ditch option."

A possibility does exist that the current men's wing on second floor Mary Jo will switch places with the current women's wing. This would be so one staff could serve both the Letter Wing and the women's wing. This will also open up a kitchen for Mary Jo residents.

And finally, to move off campus next year, you must be 22 years old or have special permission. To obtain permission you need to first set up a meeting with Kate Zanger vice-president of student life.

If this year's numbers hold true, Nevins projects Clarke will be building an additional residence hall next year.

**Hunger clean-up**

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Center and Hope House here in Dubuque.

Raising the awareness of the Dubuque community is the second goal. There is a growing concern about the hungry and homeless of Dubuque and the surrounding area, and the students of

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**To The Editor**

Dear Editor:

To those of you who do not know me my name is Elizabeth (Izzy) Krajnovich, and I am a junior voice performance major here at Clarke. I am writing because of an extremely bothersome statement in the "Musical menus Broadway style" article that was printed in the April 1 issue of the *Courier*. The paragraph states:

"A tremendous amount of preparation goes into the show each year. John Lease, Kate Hendel, BVM, LaDonna Manternach, BVM, David Resnick, and Jeff Pappas of the music department spent hours helping students prepare their pieces for auditions."

First of all, I am offended that Wendy Rowe was not mentioned once in the entire article. She is not only my private voice instructor, but a very important part of the Clarke music department as well.

Additionally, there were many other acts that were not represented in the article. Performers in these acts had very little (if any) help from any of the faculty when preparing their works.

Don't get me wrong: the music faculty does very much for the students; however, I think that we performers should receive the recognition that we deserve. We worked hard to accomplish what we did, and I personally am very proud of all the performers for working so hard on their own to prepare their pieces/songs.

Thank you so much for your time. I look forward to seeing that comes of this letter.

-- Elizabeth Krajnovich

Editor's Note: The *Courier* appreciates the comments and regrets omitting anyone from the credits for the performances.

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**Question**

by Tommy Haggas  
Q: *Toolbaste: Squeeze from the m*  
A: *Squeeze from the bottom.*

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A: *Homemaking guru*

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A: *Spring*

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A: *Bartholomew and the Oobleck*

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A: *I'm going to have to say Homer.*

Q: *Best lunch?*  
A: *Cheeseburger and fries*

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A: *Coke. (I hope Catherine Dunn*

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**"Deadman Walking"**

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**Ain't nothing goin'**By Brian Steuer  
Staff Reporter

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## Questions for Nancy

by Tommy Haggas

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A: Squeeze from the bottom.

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She also points to the fact that the majority of the people on death row are from low income families and 85 percent of the people on death row are there because they killed a white person. She said if the victim is a person of color, it is less likely that the death penalty will be imposed.

She pointed out that 75 people have come off death row because they were proven innocent before their execution. She added that even when the right person does get executed, it never replaces the victim.

Prejean pointed to the many poor young people who have few resources to help them and how we need to intervene with them and educate them if we want to cut down on crime.

She said we must stop this downward spiral we have created of putting money into the prison system and use the money for education.

After the lecture, freshman Rachel Pichett said, "Going to these talks and presentations can really help people see how the death penalty is wrong. I thought the presentation was great; it helped reinforce my belief in how wrong the death penalty really is."

In an interview at lunch after her talk, Prejean said her next book titled "If Mama Ain't Happy, Nobody's Happy," is about the role of women in relation to the Catholic Church. "I talked to women in various roles about when they feel they Church helps liberate them and when they feel it oppresses them," she explained.

## Colombian voter registration comes to Clarke

Vote

"I think it's good because it's a good way to participate, since I'm away from home," said Clarke student Patricia Piedrahita, who will be one of the many Colombians to take advantage of this opportunity.

The Colombian Consul General from Chicago will come to Clarke on Saturday, April 18, to register Colombians for their country's presidential election in May. The Consul, Carlos Negret, also serves as a diplomatic representative of the Colombian Embassy in Washington, DC and is responsible for Colombian voter registration for the Midwest region. His visit to Clarke was arranged by Camilo Tamayo, coordinator of international student recruitment and a native of Colombia.

Tamayo contacted the Colombian Embassy in January because he feels it is a very important election and wants to help Clarke's 12 Colombian students participate. Negret agreed to come to Clarke to save the students a trip to Chicago to register. Tamayo has also made arrangements for any of the total of 22 Colombians in Dubuque to come to Clarke to register.

"No matter how far we are from our country, we want to make sure that we can express our opinions with this event," said Tamayo. He says there are approximately 80 Colombian students in Iowa, and many of them will come to Clarke for the registration and the chance to socialize with fellow Colombians.

Negret will be in the Atrium on Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Colombians living in the area who would like to register for the presidential election are invited to come and register and meet other Colombians. For more information, call the Multicultural Student Services Center at 588-6508.



photo by Aisunio Enoki  
Catalyst managing editor Mike Cyze tries to squeeze a story out of staff writer Tommy Haggas.

The all-new Catalyst is coming soon.

## Ain't nothing going to hold "Grease" down!

By Brian Steur  
Staff Reporter

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video titles sold in the United States in 1997. It has sold over 20 million double soundtrack albums (more than 12 million of those sales came in 1996 and 1997). It had been in the top five on the Billboard pop charts for 244 consecutive weeks as of February 1, 1998.

Does that come as a shock? Well it shouldn't. How could anyone resist those contagious songs performed by John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John, Stockard Channing, Frankie Avalon, Sha-Na-Na, Frankie Valli and the rest of the terrific cast.

As for me, I have never been much of a "Grease" fan. However, I have to admit this movie

has captured the hearts of a variety of generations. Since its release the movie and the music has not stopped playing on TV and radio, at college screenings and karaoke bars, on VCR's and on car stereos, allowing people of every age to appreciate, and, in many cases, appreciate again, the wonderful acting, the awesome music, and the truly captivating story.

Whether I like it or not, "Grease" is truly a movie of the ages. It has been a smash hit in every aspect of its 20 year existence, and shows no sign of letting up. So let's go out and relive our youth again with Danny, Sandy, Rizzo, Frenchy and the Rydell High gang one last time!



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## Lady Crusaders win two, lose one at Grinnell softball tourney

By Darren Dykstra  
Staff Reporter

The Lady Crusaders softball team traveled to Grinnell, Iowa, Saturday to battle in a three-game set at the Grinnell Tournament, which featured teams from, Graceland, Grinnell, and Mount Mercy as well as Clarke.

The Lady Crusaders went head-to-head with Graceland. Clarke got on the board early scoring five runs in the first two innings.

*Standing out for the team was senior Jill Christopher.*

Graceland battled back to score two runs in its half of the third, but that was all that Clarke freshman Sarah Murray would allow as she carried Clarke to a 7-2 victory. Leading the way at the plate for the Crusaders was Kara Clark who had three hits. Jill Christopher and Jill Clift both contributed with three hits.

Game two was definitely an offensive battle. Thirty-five runs

were scored, and forty-one total hits scored by both teams as Clarke took on Grinnell. Clarke fell behind early, but provided a five-run inning in the fifth to give the Crusaders a 5-2 lead to work with. They scored ten runs in the stretch between the fifth through seventh inning, giving them the lead and securing the victory.

Clarke went on to win the game 19-16, giving the victory to freshman Jen Hansen. Multiple hits came from many Crusaders, but standing out for the team was senior Jill Christopher who pounded out five hits in seven at-bats, including a home run. Jill Clift went 4 for 7 with three doubles for Clarke.

The third game proved to more of a pitching duel than an offensive battle as Clarke took on Mount Mercy. Mount Mercy struck first, scoring two runs in the first three innings. Clarke came back to score a run in its half of the fourth, but was shut out from there on out. Christopher again led the way in hitting for the Crusaders with two hits in three trips to the plate. But Clarke could not prevail as it lost the contest 2-1. Freshman pitcher Jen Hansen took the loss for Clarke.

## Opinions about football 'touchdown' at Clarke

By Martin Gentry  
Staff Reporter

Over the years some people have wondered why Clarke doesn't have a football program. It has been debated among students and the consensus stands that it is too expensive. However, some students feel that the implementation of a football program would be beneficial to the campus and that these benefits would exceed the cost of such a program. I asked a few students what they think about adding a football team to the athletic programs offered here at Clarke.



**Jaron Warner:** Sophomore, Harvey, LA: "It would bring more athletic individuals to the campus and it may also help to increase respect for other athletic programs. It would also help to lift school spirit."



**Micahla Williams:** Sophomore, New Orleans: "A football team would attract more students in general and would increase the excitement level at Clarke."



**Joshua Langellier:** Sophomore, Jerseyville, Ill: "A football program would bring mass destruction to the college. Football players are known to be very aggressive and destructive."



**Pedro Bristol-Ramos:** Freshman, Guayama, Puerto Rico: "If Clarke had a football program, it would create more opportunity for students to get involved with extracurricular activities."

## Crusaders open NIIC play by dropping two games to Rockford

The Clarke men's baseball team, after coming off of a split with Coe College, opened their Northern-Illinois-Iowa-Conference play Saturday at Rockford College.

The Crusaders offense, which has been struggling lately, came out strong early, punishing the ball in the early innings in game one of a double-header.

The lead-off man, Jason Thomasson for the Crusaders ignited the game as he stepped to the plate and roped a 365 plus

home run in the first inning to give the Crusaders an early lead.

As the game matured, the Crusaders suffered a severe loss as senior first baseman Shannon Purvis went down with an injury that would sideline him for both conference games. Purvis, who had been leading the team in most offensive categories, came up grabbing his side after singling to right field.

The game continued as did the woes for Clarke. After grabbing the lead 4-3 in the fifth inning from a solo home run by

centerfielder Darren Dykstra, the Crusaders began to fall apart. The Rockford Regents tied the game and sent it into extra innings when in the bottom half of the eighth they loaded the bases with only one out. The Regents then pulled a suicide squeeze to grasp the winning run for the 5-4 victory, handing the Crusaders their first loss in conference play. Pitcher Jason Beneke took the loss for Clarke.

In the second game, junior Bill Zibell took to the mound for Clarke.

The Crusaders again found themselves in early trouble as the Regents crossed three runs in the first two innings. Clarke responded well as they produced two runs in their half of the third inning, making the score 3-2. From then on out the Crusader pitching slowly fell apart. Zibell walked the bases loaded, and a two out double by Rockford cleared the bases. The Regents continued to pound the ball around the diamond. When the damage was done the score board read 11-2 in favor of Rockford, giving

them the two game sweep over the Crusaders.

The severity of Shannon Purvis' injury has not yet been revealed. Purvis is coming off of a career game against Coe College where he hit three consecutive home runs for the Crusaders.

Clarke (6-15, 0-2) will host the Aurora Spartans on Wednesday at Dubuque Senior in a double-header which is scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m. **Darren Dykstra**

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150 storytellers are on their way

On Saturday, April 25, at 8 p.m., the Northlands Storytelling Network will present a "storytelling concert" titled "Stories: Celebration of Imagination" in Jansen Music Hall. Ticket sat the door are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. The event is recommended for adults and children age 12 and older. It is part of a three-day Spring Conference and School of Storytelling hosted by the Northlands Storytelling Network and held at Clarke and the Dubuque Holiday Inn. Five Flags. The conference is expected to draw 150 storytellers to Dubuque.

#### Big turn-out for Colombian Voter registration

Fifty-seven Colombians showed up in the Clarke Atrium last Saturday to meet with the Colombian consul general from Chicago and register to vote in the Colombian elections. Camillo Tamayo, Clarke admissions representative who organized the event, said Colombians came from as far away as Minneapolis, Rochester, Minn; Iowa City and Plattville. Tamayo is now trying to arrange for a voting booth at Clarke on Colombian election day.

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